

# Vancouver Island School of Art - COVID-19 Protocol for International Students

## COVID-19 Safety Plan

### International Students

Newly arriving international students must fulfill a set of guidelines as indicated by [IRCC](#). As the pandemic unfolds and the situation changes Vancouver Island School of Art is obliged to provide guidance to students and report on safety requirements, self-isolation processes, arrival and attendance. Students are required to provide to Vancouver Island School of Art their arrival date, flight information and plans for the 14-day self-isolation upon arrival.

Starting July 5, 2021, students may qualify for exemptions from some of the quarantine and testing requirements. You must be **fully vaccinated with an accepted vaccine** and meet other conditions, including being eligible to travel to Canada at this time.

Resources:

[ArriveCan](#) to enter Canada

[BC Covid-19 Support](#)

### Before Arrival

You will receive this booklet upon your confirmation of being approved for your Canadian Study Permit, prior to your arrival in Canada.

You need to plan in advance:

- [Get informed](#)
- [Plan your quarantine](#)
- Book your hotel for a 3 night stay upon arrival [Check list of government-authorized hotels](#)
- [Get a Covid-19 Molecular test](#) 72 hours before your scheduled flight

Before departure:

- all students travelling into Canada MUST download the [ArriveCAN App](#). This app will ask all travelers flying into Canada as their final destination to submit their:
  - ArriveCAN receipt and have your test result ready
  - Travel and contact information

Following the policy of BCCDC (British Columbia Centre for Disease Control), travelers 5 years of age or older are required to present a negative COVID-19 test result to the airline prior to boarding international flights bound for Canada. Beginning February 15, 2021 travelers entering by land will also be required to present a COVID-19 test result. [Learning more about COVID-19 testing before entry](#).

### Upon Arrival to Canada

- Wear a mask.
- Answer eligibility and health screening questions, including quarantine plans.
- Provide required information and documents.
- [Take a Covid-19 molecular test](#) on arrival.
- Collect a test kit for use later during your quarantine.
- Go to your pre-booked hotel for up to 3-nights to wait results from your arrival test.

Foreign nations with significant outbreaks will not be allowed to enter Canada. You will not be able to board flight and enter Canada by air if you have symptoms.

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## Mandatory Quarantine

Federal quarantine applies for travelers entering Canada. If you can enter Canada and you have no symptoms, you must quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. Your quarantine period begins on the day that you arrive in Canada.

- You must demonstrate that you have a suitable plan for quarantine.
- You are expected to make these plans, within your own means, before travelling to Canada.
- Foreign nationals who do not have a suitable plan may be denied entry into Canada.
- Those who arrive in Canada without a suitable place to quarantine will be directed to a federal designated quarantine facility for the full 14 day quarantine period.
- Go to your pre-booked hotel for up to 3-nights to wait results from your arrival test.

## Mandatory Hotel Stopover

The [mandatory 3-night reservation at a government-authorized hotel](#) is a fully pre-paid, non-refundable rate. It will be charged to the credit card provided at the time of booking.

- Book directly with a [government-authorized hotel](#), identify that you require accommodation for the COVID-19 mandatory 3-night hotel stopover.
- Some of the hotels offer direct online booking for government-authorized accommodation. For all others, identify that you require accommodation for the COVID-19 mandatory 3-night stopover to ensure you're booked correctly.
- You can also reserve and pay for your mandatory 3-night hotel stopover through GB Travel Canada Inc.:

1-800-294-8253(toll-free within North America)  
1-613-830-2992 (collect outside of North America)

Regular hours of operation: 8 am to 11 pm ET, 7 days a week. Calls received after hours will be limited to emergencies.

You will be able to choose from the listed hotel locations and be required to provide:

- traveler names(s)
- date(s) of birth
- gender (male, female, or undisclosed)
- arrival city and date
- payment information
- special requests and accessibility concerns
- pet information
- email address

Costs of these hotel stopovers may vary by location. The price will include costs associated with:

- food
- room
- security
- transportation

## Infection Prevention

- After 3-night hotel, you need to have appropriate accommodation for the entire 14 days quarantine period.

You will need to confirm you have a suitable place to quarantine where you:

- will stay for the rest of 14 days or possibly longer
- have access to the necessities of life, including water, food, medication and heat without leaving quarantine
- can avoid contact with others who did not travel with you
- have no visits from family or guests

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- [Use ArriveCAN to check in and report daily](#). All students travelling into Canada MUST download the ArriveCAN App.

### Negative Test:

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- Continue on to your place of quarantine
- Towards the end of your quarantine, you will be required to take another [Covid-19 test](#). You will be required to stay in your place of quarantine until you receive a negative test result.
- If you begin to show symptoms during your quarantine, are exposed to another traveler with symptoms, or test positive for Covid-19, you must begin an additional 14 days of isolation.

### Positive Test:

- Relocate to a designated quarantine facility or other suitable place of quarantine.
- Follow instructions as provided.

Use [ArriveCAN](#) or call 1-833-641-0343 to check-in the day after you enter Canada and to report symptoms daily.

You will be contacted by Government of Canada and provincial or territorial officials.

Government of Canada and provincial officials may contact you during your quarantine.

After you arrive in Canada, a representative of the Government of Canada will call you to monitor compliance with your mandatory quarantine or isolation. We ask that you please answer calls from 1-888-336-7735. You will also be monitored by a PDA representative who is obligated to report to IRCC and the Public Health Authority if you cannot be reached.

## Vancouver Island School of Art's Guidelines for International Students

Up-to-date information for international travel to Canada can be found [here](#).

- Newly arriving international students must confirm the following:
  - use of the [ArriveCAN](#) app
  - location of mandatory 3-night hotel stopover
  - address of mandatory 14-day self-isolation
  - safe no-stop transport to hotel and self-isolation destination
  - suitable supports and resources for food, medical care, mental health supports
  - review Vancouver Island School of Art's Covid-19 protocols, program requirements
  - access to a computer and internet while completing self-isolation
- We must have this information in advance of your arrival to ensure you are well looked after in Canada, follow quarantine requirements, and have resources you need to be well and participate in classes during the 14 days quarantine.
- Vancouver Island School of Art does not provide housing or transport. Students are responsible for planning their travel and isolation accommodations before travelling.
- Students must travel directly from the airport to their hotel and from the hotel to their isolation location wearing a mask. **Public transportation to quarantine location is prohibited under the Federal Quarantine Act.** You must arrange for private transportation.
- We are obligated to ensure you are not in contact with vulnerable individuals, living in a group or communal setting (except for family members), have access to food and medical needs such as prescriptions as needed. It is Vancouver Island School of Art's obligation to ensure you quarantine completely for 14 days and we will monitor daily.

Services and Resources for Food/Health

[Safeway](#)

[Superstore](#)

[Health/Pharmacy](#)

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[HealthLink BC](#)  
[Taking Care of Your Mental Health](#)

### Post Arrival

- Vancouver Island School of Art is responsible for following up during your 14 days of self-isolation. Our office will be in contact to inquire after any Covid-19 symptoms, ensure that your basic needs are being met, and to remind you to stay isolated even if you are feeling well until your 14 days are completed.
  - We will connect via email regarding your study schedule to make sure that you are registered in the classes you need and that you have access to the necessary resources.
- Phone: 250-380-3500  
Email: [info@vancouverislandschoolart.com](mailto:info@vancouverislandschoolart.com)

**Please note the importance of following any of the aforementioned regulations. There is zero tolerance for students who do not comply with the proper protocols. If a student violates the proper protocol provided for travelling, quarantine, isolating, or otherwise stated to them in regard to safety plan during COVID-19, you will be reported to the appropriate officials, including IRCC. Please clearly read your risk factors set by the Government of Canada for violation of the Quarantine Act.**

### [Compliance and Enforcement of the Quarantine Act:](#)

- 6 months in prison, and/or
- \$750,000 in fines

If you choose to break your mandatory quarantine or isolation, resulting in the death or serious bodily harm to another person, you could face:

- A fine of up to \$1,000,000 or
- Imprisonment of up to 3 years,
- Or both

If you are a domestic student and violate your quarantine order, Vancouver Island School of Art will notify law authorities, Public Health Officials and any other requirement as laid out by PHA.

### Education Delivery

- Students must arrive in Canada before September 6th to ensure that their 14 day quarantine can be completed before the start of classes.
- Refer to Vancouver Island School of Art's [Covid-19 protocols](#) for on-campus policies.

### Additional Resources

- [Flying to Canada](#) - entry, testing, hotels from Government of Canada
- [Entering Canada Checklist](#) - Checklist from Government of Canada
- [Information about the mandatory quarantine](#)
- [BC Response to Covid-19](#)
- [Covid-19 Psychological First Aid Service](#)
- [Covid-19: Staying Well In Uncertain Times](#) (Canadian Mental Health Association BC)
- [Managing COVID-19 Stress, Anxiety and Depression](#) (Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions)
- [Mental Health and Psychosocial Considerations During COVID-19 Outbreak](#) (World Health Organization)
- [Covid-19 Road to Recovery](#) (Conference Board of Canada)
- [Taking Care of Your Mental Health During Covid-19](#) (Public Health Agency of Canada)
- [Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism](#)

## Vancouver Island School of Art - COVID-19 Protocol for International Students

- [Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19: How to use a mask](#)
- [Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19: Handwashing](#)
- [Help prevent the spread of COVID-19: Cover coughs and sneezes](#)
- [Where to take a Covid-19 test in BC](#)